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Memorandum for Messrs. Ahrensfield  
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Since Dave Hardy is more occupied than I with trial preparation of the Peters case, he has asked that I send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. Slatis, together with his proposal to study one facet of possible genetic relationship to lung cancer. Dr. Slatis first proposed this study some time ago, having been urged to do so by Dr. Gene Jackson, a friend of Dr. Heubner's. In due course, the project was referred to the CTR, which turned Slatis down.

Slatis is presently Professor of Zoology at Michigan State University (for some reason human geneticists seem to wind up in zoology departments). He has been an associate editor to the American Journal of Human Genetics and Director of the American Society of Human Genetics. He seems to have all the other necessary background credentials.

I met with Dr. Slatis shortly after receipt of the enclosed, and Dr. Heubner and I met with him last week. As a result of these meetings, Slatis is prepared to expand the parameters he will investigate and may also attempt to investigate whether Rao's observations can be confirmed and correlated. In this latter event, the cost of the project would run something more than the \$23,340 requested at present. When we know exactly how much, I will let you know.

Both Dr. Heubner and I believe that this work holds

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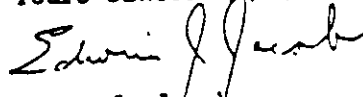
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distinct promise of providing not only possibly significant information but also some parameters very useful for further clinical research efforts to get a handle on the genetic factors which may be paramount in lung cancer etiology. Moreover, we think it useful to get a qualified human geneticist working in such a way that we may be able to develop other important material with him.

I would appreciate it if you would consider and, hopefully, approve this project as soon as possible and in advance of my having received the final figure from Dr. Slatis as to the possible additional cost of the endocrine work. We know that the cost of that work would not exceed more than a very few thousand dollars. Since the exact figure depends upon certain estimates from Israel, which may be a little while in coming, and since we have delayed consideration of Dr. Slatis's proposal because of such factors as Dr. Heubner's illness, we are now close to the last minute in terms of his need for approval before an early September departure. Accordingly, I think it appropriate to ask approval before we have a final figure. If you have any questions, I should be happy to answer same. I would appreciate your early response.

With best personal regards to each of you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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cc: David R. Hardy, Esq.